

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 11, 15 and 19 are amended, and claim 18 is cancelled:

1. (Currently amended) A locking mechanism comprising:
a plurality of spring loaded locking members;
a lock release device operatively coupled to the plurality of locking members to simultaneously move the plurality of locking members wherein each of the plurality of locking members moves in a substantially different direction;
and
a plurality of latching members being securely gripped by the plurality of locking members, wherein the lock release device is in partial frictional contact with the plurality of locking members under the spring bias of each of the locking members, and
wherein each latching member being released from the grip of the corresponding locking member when the lock release device is forced in frictional sliding contact with the plurality of locking members against the spring bias of each of the locking members.
2. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein the plurality of latching members and the plurality of locking members are used to removably lock a battery cover to the main body of a mobile telephone set.
3. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 2, wherein each of the locking members include at least one locking leg adapted to grip the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the main telephone body.
4. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein the lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a corresponding second surface on each locking member.
5. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 4, wherein each of the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.

6. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 5, wherein the lock release device is spring-loaded.
7. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 6, wherein at least one locking member is adapted to move in a first direction against its spring bias.
8. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 7, wherein the lock release device is adapted to move in a second direction against its spring bias.
9. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 8, wherein the second direction is substantially perpendicular to the first direction.
10. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when the lock release device is forced to move in the second direction.
11. (Currently amended) A locking mechanism for securing a battery compartment cover to a mobile terminal body, the mechanism comprising:
a first and a second spring loaded locking member;
a lock release device operatively coupled to the first and the second locking members to simultaneously move the first locking member in a first direction and the second locking member in a second direction wherein the first direction and the second direction are substantially different; and
a first and a second latching member being securely gripped by the first and second locking members, wherein the lock release device is in partial frictional contact with the first and the second locking members under the spring bias of each of the locking members, and
wherein each latching member being released from the grip of the corresponding locking member when the lock release device is forced in frictional sliding contact with the first and second locking members against the spring bias of each of the locking members.

12. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a corresponding second surface on each locking member.
13. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 12, wherein each of the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.
14. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device is spring-loaded.
15. (Currently amended) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the first locking member is adapted to move in ~~[[a]]~~ the first direction against its spring bias and the second locking member is adapted to move in ~~[[a]]~~ the second direction against its spring bias.
16. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 15, wherein the lock release device is adapted to move in a third direction against its spring bias.
17. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the third direction is substantially perpendicular to each of the first direction and the second direction.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently amended) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when the lock release device is forced to move in the ~~second~~ third direction.
20. (Previously presented) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein each of the locking members include at least one locking leg adapted to grip the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the terminal body.